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## Phi Rho Luncheon at A. M. A. Meetings

By Edwin E. Devereux,
*Alpha Delta*

The Phi Rho Sigma luncheon held in the Crystal Room of the Jefferson Hotel during the A.M.A. Convention is now but a happy memory in the minds of the 167 Phi Rhos who attended. The luncheon was a splendid success in every respect, for not only was it a grand-get-together for old pals among the alumni but it afforded also an opportunity for the undergraduates of the two St. Louis chapters, Alpha Delta and Chi Eta, to meet and come in contact with many of the men who built Phi Rho Sigma and who are building it today.

After the luncheon had been served an opportunity was given those assembled to hear from some of the prominent alumni present. Leroy R. Sante, *Alpha Delta*, acting as toastmaster, presented Ralph W. Elliott, *Kappa*, who, after speaking of the activities of the Central Office and the splendid success of the Student Loan Fund, introduced the speaker of the day, Dave E. W. Wenstrand, *Alpha*. Brother Wenstrand, one of the men who was with Phi Rho at the beginning and who probably knows more about the development and history of the Fraternity than any other man, spoke of Phi Rho Sigma as it was in the early nineteen hundreds when the roster had less than one thousand names on it, and of how the first convention was financed for $42.67. It was at that first convention that the motto "Organization and Expansion" was adopted, a motto

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## President's Message

Greetings:

Phi Rho Sigma begins the forty-ninth year of its existence strong and ready for its tasks—stronger and bigger than it was in 1938. We rededicate ourselves now to the task of making better physicians for our country through co-operation, mutual assistance, and friendship. I appeal to each one of you to make the spirit of Phi Rho Sigma a living, vital force in your life during the coming year to the end that you may get by giving. To what heights our Fraternity and you will reach depends upon how much of yourself you will be willing to give.

The way which we have been selected to become students of medicine does not tend to make us humanitarians but rather the opposite. This is the gravest danger that besets our profession to-day. The failure on the part of a medical student to make the proper social adjustments is a double tragedy. Chapter life in Phi Rho Sigma offers a distinct opportunity to each of us to learn how to make these adjustments. I would therefore admonish you that in the years to come you will be compelled to say, "That I spent I had. What I saved I lost. What I gave I have."

Your officers will do all in their power to advance the Fraternity and to help you to make your own chapter of still greater service to your brothers and to you. Good Luck!

Jonathan Forman
President

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## Phi Rho Hobby Lobby

In recent years, considerable publicity has been given to the subject of hobbies. Hardly a day passes without some item or photograph depicting the leisure-hour pursuits of the great, the near-great, and even the forgotten half, from movie star and statesman to newsboy and laborer. Public interest in curious hobbies has reached an unprecedented pitch, and it is far from the peak.

Well in the van among hobbyists come the physicians. None of them seems to have an abundance of spare

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## *Detroit Alumni Chapter Reorganized*

Following the annual initiation banquet of Epsilon Chapter, held at the University Club in Detroit on May 20, alumni met and formally voted to reorganize the Detroit Alumni Association of Phi Rho Sigma. Accordingly, Dr. Allan W. McDonald was elected president and empowered to conduct the business of organization. Dr. William J. Stapleton, Jr., was named secretary-treasurer.

Henceforward, all business activities of the undergraduate chapter at Wayne University will be supervised by the alumni group, and it is expected that the system of alumni - undergraduate co-operation just inaugurated will greatly strengthen Epsilon Chapter.

One of the first alumni projects will be the furnishing of a suite of rooms recently leased for the use of the chapter. These rooms are located at the corner of St. Antoine and Clinton Streets, close to the medical school. Plans include facilities for making the rooms more than a chapter meeting-place. It is expected that Epsilon will soon have a well-appointed rendezvous for all Phi Rhos in the Detroit district.

In a special message published in *The Epsilon Informer*, President McDonald sounds the key-note of the new order. "The formation of an alumni organization to advise and to supervise the undergraduate activities, not only professional but also financial and social," he says, "marks the beginning of a closer union, a knitting together, of some three hundred professional gentlemen into whose company any man may be proud to enter."

# Training For a Surgical Career

By Frederick A. Coller, M.D., *Nu.*

Even a casual study of the history of medical education in this country is impressive and reveals the tremendous strides made during the past twenty-five years toward raising the standards of medical practice. The impetus for this has come from within the profession, stimulated importantly by the great advances in the knowledge of Medicine itself.

Less than fifty years ago, we were still burdened by large numbers of proprietary medical schools run for the fees of the students and for the advertising value to the clinical faculty. Many states did not have laws governing medical practice and in some of them, all that was necessary to practice Medicine was to hang out a shingle and call one's self Doctor. Medicine was still largely regarded as an art with very little relation to any science except anatomy. Complete specialization of effort was almost unheard of except in a few medical centers, and the nature of medical knowledge did not make such limitation of effort necessary.

Few hospitals offered training for internes, while the occasional man seeking advanced training in any special field acquired it through a modification of the old apprentice system, acting as assistant to a busy practitioner for years while perfecting his own knowledge.

Just after the beginning of this century, the efforts of organized Medicine, spurred by dissatisfaction from within and by frank criticism from educators, succeeded in abolishing many inadequate schools and provided for more uniform and vastly better undergraduate training. This in turn paved the way for the application of the rapidly advancing basic sciences to the study of disease.

Twenty-five years ago, internships had become more common but were not yet the rule, while advanced training beyond that point was only available in a few hospitals and to a small number of men. The rapid growth of population, of wealth, and of Medicine led to the building of many large, well-equipped hospitals throughout the country. Thus the opportunities for interneship increased. As the field of Medicine developed, with its inevitable emphasis on specialization, men were stimulated to take these interneships, for no longer could one know everything. Boards of medical registration began to demand an interneship as a requirement to practice, and the one-year rotating interneship has now come practically to be a fifth year in medical education.

In 1912, the American College of Surgeons was organized, and thus another great step was taken in advancing the standards of surgical practice. One of the first and most important activities of this body was to survey and report on the hospitals in the country. These were graded according to equipment, requirements for practice, and character of the professional work done in them. Most hospitals responded to this challenge, and hospital staffs strove to improve the rating of their institutions. This meant not only betterment of surgical facilities but also improvement of the personnel and insistence on higher surgical standards. Fellowship in the College was urged as a requirement of surgical specialization in hospitals, and this view was accepted by many. As time has gone by, this insistence of the College on the absolute necessity of safeguarding the patient by adequate facilities, proper methods, and competent staff has grown in importance until it has improved the surgical activities of every hospital in the country. In the earlier years of the College, men were admitted to fellowship with less regard to training in surgery than to actual experience in the practice of surgery, since surgery was done by men who were self-trained or trained by immeasurable methods. As surgery increased in its scope, and as the surgical specialties grew, it became evident that stricter standards of training for admission to fellowship were imperative, and beginning with the graduates in Medicine of 1938, a minimum of three years' graduate training will be demanded and a longer preparation for specialization advised. It is increasingly difficult to practice any surgical specialty in good hospitals without being a Fellow of the College of Surgeons.

A new force that has been important in raising standards of practice in surgery and its specialties has been developing rapidly within the past few years in the specialty certifying boards. These arose from the national societies of the specialties in response to the demand of their members for the maintenance and elevation of standards of practice in their specialties. The examining boards are largely selected from the members of these societies, and the demands of these boards before the candidate is allowed to take the examination are very high. There is some variation in minor details among the certifying boards but about five years of graduate work of a prescribed nature is the average requirement for those admitted to examination. At present, the importance of certification is mainly that of personal satisfaction, but there seems little doubt that its possession will become a recognized mark of proficiency in a specialty more and more emphatically as time passes.

With these demands for more adequate training, it soon became evident that standards were advancing far more rapidly than facilities for training. The American College of Surgeons initiated a study of the possibilities for graduate training in surgery and its specialties, and in 1937 made a survey of 140 selected hospitals to determine their availability for graduate study. It was clear from this study that three or more years of training could be secured chiefly in hospitals connected with medical schools and that the number of men to be trained in these hospitals was limited. Two years of training were offered by many teaching and other hospitals, but in general these were not considered satisfactory. The College is now making a vigorous effort to induce hospitals with potential teaching facilities to arrange their

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## State Society Notes

Phi Rhos took a prominent part in the 88th Annual Session of the Iowa State Medical Society, held in Des Moines April 25-27, 1939. Among the essayists were: Charles S. Krause, *Mu*, of Cedar Rapids; Benjamin F. Wolverton, *Mu*, Cedar Rapids; Raymond S. Grossman, *Mu*, Marshalltown; Walter A. Anneberg, *Mu*, Carroll; G. F. Harkness, *Mu*, Davenport; Sydney D. Maiden, *Mu*, Council Bluffs; Elmo E. Gamet, *Eta*, Lamoni; J. S. McQuiston, *Lambda Phi*, Cedar Rapids; and Hubert K. Knudsen, *Mu*, Clinton. The president-elect of this society is F. A. Hennessy, *Mu*, of Cedar Rapids. Fred Moore, *Mu*, of Des Moines, is chairman on public policy and legislation.

The 66th Annual Meeting of the Florida Medical Association was held at Daytona Beach May 1-3, 1939. Members of Phi Rho Sigma who presented papers before the scientific assemblies were: Ferdinand Richards, *Chi Beta*, on "Five Hundred Consecutive Operative Gynecological Cases"; N. L. Spengler, *Chi Zeta*, on "The Thyroid and Adrenal Glands as Factors in the Control of Fever, Heat Regulation, and Climate"; W. Duncan Owens, *Chi Gamma*, on "Hyperthyroidism—Surgical Aspects"; Walter C. Jones, *Chi Beta*, on "Gastric and Duodenal Surgery". Louis M. Orr, II, *Chi Beta*, led the discussion on "Management of Injuries to the Ureter" and Frank D. Gray, *Chi Alpha*, discussed "Acute Intestinal Obstruction: Diagnosis and Physiologic Treatment".

T. H. Bates, *Delta Omicron Alpha*, read a paper on "Treatment of Minor Injuries" and Frank D. Gray, *Chi Alpha*, contributed one on "Treatment of Major Injuries" before the Florida Railway Surgeons Association. H. D. Clark, *Chi Gamma*, is President-elect of this organization.

The 93rd Annual Meeting of the Ohio State Medical Association was held in Toledo May 3 and 4, 1939. Phi Rhos occupied their usual prominent places as follows: Elliott C. Cutler, *Nu*, Mosely Professor of Surgery, Harvard

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# Chapter and Alumni News

*UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO*

Edwin L. Mollin is spending his second year at the University Hospital, Ann Arbor, Mich., as resident in Orthopedic Surgery.

Herbert K. Magill is resident house officer at Kernan's Hospital for Crippled Children, Baltimore, Md.

Charles E. Connor is practicing at 515 King Street, Wenatchee, Wash.

James S. Haley is practicing at Paonia, Colo.

Frank P. Girod is second year interne at the U. S. Marine Hospital, Baltimore, Md.

John O. Bangeman is resident in Pathology at the Kansas City General Hospital, Kansas City, Mo.

Daniel S. McKenna completed a two year residency at Children's Hospital, Denver, in Orthopedics and is resident in Orthopedics and Fracture at Denver General Hospital.

Frederic F. De Metrovich is practicing at 1791 Howard Street, Chicago, Ill.

Oliver S. Cramer is assistant resident in Medicine at Receiving Hospital, Detroit, Mich.

*CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY*

John J. Grabow, Jr. is resident in Pathology at Methodist Hospital of Central Illinois and St. Francis Hospital, Peoria, Ill.

John R. Rafter is practicing at 212 Manhattan Building, Muskogee, Okla.

Hugh E. Dierker is County Health Officer in Los Angeles County, Los Angeles, California. He is also taking a course in public health work at the University of California beginning August 1939.

Paul L. Barnes is a member of the staff at Norfolk State Hospital, Norfolk, Nebr.

Elmo T. McClay is surgical resident at Missouri Baptist Hospital, St. Louis.

*DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY*

R. Gordon Lea is senior interne in Medicine at Toronto General Hospital, Toronto, Ont.

W. Drummond Eaton is senior interne in Obstetrics at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore.

Frederick C. McLellan is resident in Urology, Cornell Division, New York Hospital, New York City.

Wallace M. Roy will remain as resident in Roentgenology at the Cleveland Clinic Hospital, Cleveland.

John A. Webster has an appointment as resident at the Evangelical Deaconess Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio.

Donald W. Ramsay is surgical outdoor and admitting officer in Western Division, Montreal General Hospital, Montreal, Que.

Winston F. Morse is assistant resident in Surgery at Montreal General Hospital, Western Division, Montreal, Quebec.

*UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS*

Erving F. Geever is with the Army Medical Corps, Fitzsimons Hospital, Denver. He plans to enroll in the Graduate School of the University of Colorado in September to take a year or so of work in the Basic Sciences for an advanced degree.

Carl Solander will remain as surgical resident at Grant Hospital, Chicago.

Thomas A. McInerney has an appointment as resident in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Research & Educational Hospital, University of Illinois, Chicago, beginning July 1939 and ending July 1942.

Edmund R. Adler is medical resident at St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, N. Y.

William N. Gilman is practicing at Wenona, Ill. He was married August 5, 1939, to Miss Dorris Lee of Normal, Ill.

*UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA*

In the newly created Department of Medical Economics and Post-graduate Instruction of the University of Indiana, Dr. Cyrus L. Black, Associate Professor of Cardiology, has been made chairman and Dr. Howard B. Mettle, *Zeta*, and Dr. Kenneth Kohlstaedt have been made his assistants.

C. H. McCaskey, Chairman of the Department of Otolaryngology, conducted the post-graduate course in Otolaryngology from April 15 to May 1. Thirty-four physicians coming from all parts of the United States were in attendance.

Jack T. Eisaman is a post-graduate student in Internal Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

Thurston Harrison is assistant resident in Medicine at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore.

Jed W. Pearson is second year interne at Lying-In Hospital, Chicago.

Richard Nay is resident pathologist at University Hospital, Indianapolis, Ind.

Morris E. Thomas has an appointment as resident in research, in conjunction with Eli Lilly Company, at Indianapolis City Hospital.

Walter L. Cohn is resident in Pediatrics at City Hospital, Indianapolis.

Lawton E. Shank is resident physician at the Mercy Hospital, San Diego, Calif.

Richard C. Swan is resident in Obstetrics and Gynecology at City Hospital, Indianapolis.

*UNIVERSITY OF IOWA*

Paul D. Anneberg is junior resident in Urology and Proctology at Receiving Hospital, Detroit, Mich.

Joe E. Brown has been appointed fellow in Neurology & Psychiatry at the Mayo Foundation, Rochester, Minn.

Harold V. Norris has a two-year residency in Surgery at De Paul Hospital, St. Louis, Mo.

Fred L. Tingdale is senior interne at Youngstown City Hospital, Youngstown, Ohio.

Ross G. Randall is resident physician at the Valley View Hospital, Ada, Olka.

Eugene Van Epps is limiting his practice to Pediatrics and Internal Medicine at Clinton, Iowa.

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## Thought for September

For students, September brings the end of the summer vacation and the beginning of a new school year. For physicians, too, it is a time of settling into harness for the long winter pull ahead. For fraternity editors inclined to pedantry, it is the psychological moment for a rousing pep-talk to the membership at large. Your editor is of the opinion that pedantry is largely wasted.

Still, we *are* on the threshold of a new fraternity year, and thoughts naturally drift, with confidence or trepidation but certainly with hope, to the subjects of rushing and pledging. No true fraternity man needs to be told to what extent the success of the rushing season determines the future of his organization. A less obvious point, or at least a point likely to be overlooked in the heat of the rushing season, is the responsibility that the society accepts with each new pledge.

A fraternity has a great deal to offer the right type of member. Those engaged in rushing should familiarize themselves with the program of the fraternity as a whole and with that of the local chapter. Only in this way can they be prepared to select new members intelligently; only in this way can they intelligently represent the fraternity to prospects. Charming personalities, the mysterious glamour of Greek letters and chapter houses, unaccustomed contacts with prominent physicians, and the general spirit of revelry accompanying rushing season are very apt to confuse the uninitiated. One might almost imagine that they were designed for just that purpose. But they are not the fraternity's major business if it is a real fraternity. Sometime, somewhere, before a man is pledged, he should have outlined to him the objectives of the group with which he may cast his lot. The first responsibility, then, is honest rushing.

The second responsibility is a corollary to the first. The fraternity, having entered into an agreement with the pledge, is bound to uphold its end of a solemn contract. This it does by pursuing the boasted objectives with all the vigor that it can muster. If the pledge properly understands the fraternity, and if the fraternity keeps faith with the pledge, then the pledge will be an asset to the fraternity from the first.

September is a good time to think of these things. It is the beginning of a new fraternity year. It is a time for taking stock and for laying plans.

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## Don't Be Personal

We have a correspondent who is intensely interested in recent graduates and who spends a good deal of his time thinking up ways to help them. In a recent communication, he warns against a serious pitfall which awaits the young practitioner who is not on his guard. This pitfall is the tendency which we all have to assume that others are particularly interested in our personal affairs.

"Your patients are not likely to be interested in the details of your family life," writes our friend. "They are bored to tears when you insist on telling the bright sayings of your children. They are not even interested in the details of your freshman son in college and his experiences as a fraternity pledge. . . .

"Don't become personal with anybody whose job is to wait on you. A prominent surgeon has never realized that his hospital staff lack discipline because he insists on being too intimate and personal with interns and nurses."

The tendency to be over-personal, while not limited to the inexperienced in practice, is likely to flourish to the greatest extent in that group for several reasons. First of all, as our correspondent suggests, it may be a "hang-over from childhood". Again, the young practitioner, anxious to dispense a personalized service in accordance with the traditions of medicine, is very apt to put the emphasis on the wrong side of the consulting-room desk. Likewise, he is under the burden of having to sell himself, and this is done, he has been told, largely through the personality. It is small wonder, therefore, that he tries to display his pleasant personality by over-indulging in trivial personal talk. And as to the attitude which is proper toward one's subordinates, even the most astute have difficulty in drawing the line between pleasant, business-like relationships and undue intimacy.

Later, as the practitioner develops in skill and acquires something of that smoothness which is so often designated as the "Art of Medicine", he has again to be mindful lest he unknowingly slide into the same abyss. Is he not successful? Is he not a fine physician? Does he not occupy an important position in the community? If so, then why should not his personal views on any subject be attended diligently? This frame of mind is a dangerous one, for if not checked it can destroy what has taken years to build. "Let us be impersonal with our patients — friendly and cordial, but remembering that our world is interested in us as doctors, first and last.

### November Issue

The next issue of THE JOURNAL will appear November 1, 1939. Material for this number should be in the hands of the editorial board not later than October 1. The time is short, reporters.

## Chapter and Alumni News

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Robert H. Ward is taking a year of post-graduate work in Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology at Harvard University, Boston.

Harold O. Jirsa plans to start in practice in Iowa. He has not decided on a definite location but his temporary address is 1328 L. Street, West, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Raymond S. Borsheim is assistant to Dr. M. M. Minter, specialist in Internal Medicine, at the Nix Professional Building, San Antonio, Texas. Brother Borsheim is very enthusiastic about his services at Santa Rosa Hospital, San Antonio, and will be glad to furnish information about the hospital upon request.

*JEFFERSON MEDICAL COLLEGE*

Luke K. Remley is chief resident at York Hospital, York, Pa.

Norman W. Henry is interne pathologist at Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.

William D. Troy is practicing at 59 South Street, Stamford, Conn.

C. R. Roscoe has an appointment as resident at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, Philadelphia, Pa.

Donald L. Arey will remain as resident in Surgery at St. Vincent's Hospital, New York, until January 1941.

Walter A. Boquist has completed his internship at Easton Hospital, Easton, Pa., and expects to take post-graduate work in Ophthalmology although exact location and dates are not settled as yet.

*McGILL UNIVERSITY*

Warren W. Tucker is limiting his practice to Obstetrics and Gynecology at 509 Republic Building, Denver, Colo.

Robert Somerville is temporarily located at Fredericton, N. B.

James B. Collip, Professor and Head of the Department of Biochemistry, McGill University Faculty of Medicine, discussed "Results of Recent Laboratory Studies on Anterior Pituitary Hormones" before the North Side Branch of the Chicago Medical Society April 6.

*UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN*

Richard W. Ashley is assistant resident in Ophthalmology at Billings Memorial Hospital, Chicago, beginning July 1939 and ending July 1942.

George F. Rieth will remain as resident in Surgery at Hurley Hospital, Flint, Mich.

Reed C. Prugh is resident in Surgery at the Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton, Ohio.

Robert J. Bannow is resident in Orthopedic Surgery, University Hospital, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Howard A. Schuneman is associated with Dr. Z. R. Aschen Brenner at Farmington, Mich.

Douglas Donald was named one of the five counselors of the Northern Tri-State Medical Association at the 66th Annual Meeting held in Chicago, April 11, 1939.

E. A. Gillis, formerly at Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene, Baltimore, has moved to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where he is connected with the state health department.

Grover C. Penberthy, addressed the Montgomery County Medical Society, Dayton, March 17 on "Burns, Treatment and Management".

*UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA*

Ivan E. Bigler is practicing at 407½ West Third Street, Claremore, Okla.

John S. Cowan is assistant resident in Medicine at Detroit Receiving Hospital.

Harold G. Scheie is practicing at 313 South 17th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. He is specializing in Ophthalmology.

Lyle J. Hay has an appointment as Teaching Fellow in Surgery at University Hospital, Minneapolis, Minn.

Linneus G. Idstrom is assistant in Surgery at Swedish Hospital, Minneapolis, Minn.

Hanns C. Schwyzer is in practice with his father at 123 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minn.

Carl W. Ahl is practicing with the Rood Hospital Group, Rood Hospital, Hibbing, Minn.

*UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA*

George P. Charlton is resident in Medicine and house physician at the Flower Fifth Avenue Hospital, New York, N. Y.

Robert A. Lovell is practicing at 2 North Garfield Ave., Alhambra, Calif. He is limiting his practice to eye, ear, nose and throat work.

Harold R. Rossmiller will continue with his fellowship in Medicine at the Cleveland Clinic, until at least July 1940.

Fred C. Schlumberger is associate staff member in Urology at the Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland.

Kenneth A. O'Connor has an appointment as rotating interne at Albany Hospital, Albany, N. Y.

Olfert W. Topp is resident at Aiken County Hospital, Aiken, S. C.

John B. Krahl is resident in Surgery at Hurley Hospital, Flint, Mich.

Clair M. Kos has completed post-graduate study in Otolaryngology at Harvard University, Post Graduate School of Medicine and beginning December 1, 1939 will be resident in Otolaryngology at the Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary, Boston.

Frank A. Morrison is resident in Obstetrics & Gynecology at Barnes and St. Louis Maternity Hospitals, St. Louis.

Guy P. Slaughter is assistant resident in Obstetrics at Maternity (Lakeside) Hospital, Cleveland.

John L. Batty is assistant resident at Albert Billings Memorial Hospital, Chicago, Ill.

Orville M. Moore will remain at the Vancouver General Hospital as resident in Pediatrics.

William A. Day is practicing at Julesburg, Colo.

John J. Modlin is resident in surgery at the Montreal General Hospital, Montreal.

Edwin W. Shearburn has an appointment as DuPont Fellow in Surgery, Pathology, and Research at the University of Virginia Hospital, Charlottesville, Va.

William B. Potter is resident in Otolaryngology at John Gaston Hospital, Memphis, Tenn.

Houghton F. Elias is chief surgical resident at the Cleveland Clinic Hospital, Cleveland.

Herbert C. Modlin is resident in Neuropsychiatry at Clarkson Hospital, Omaha, Nebr.

H. Edward Beaghler is resident in Psychiatry at Payne Whitney Clinic,

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## *Fathers of Medicine*

By DUDLEY M. STEWART, M.D.
*Delta Omicron Alpha*

### PEDACIUS DIOSCORIDES

The mysteries of the pharmacological effects of herbs and their classification comprised the outstanding work of Pedacius Dioscorides. His efforts in this regard have been found authentic to the present day, and his botanical classification is still authoritative.

Dioscorides was an army surgeon in the service of Nero, and his interest in the pharmacological effects of various herbs whose uses had been known from antiquity led him to collect more than six hundred varieties of plants. His work was divided into four comprehensive volumes in which he stressed the therapeutic action of these plants so authoritatively that his descriptions were used dogmatically for seventeen hundred years. Many of the active principles of herbs were known to Dioscorides, including the soothing Egyptian nepenthe of the Odyssey, which Helen cast into the wine of Ulysses, and the slumber-lulling juice of the poppy which was known to the Orientals and the Greeks. This was the forerunner of the *spongia somnifera* of the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, recommended for surgical anaesthesia. Vegetable emetics and purges were also classified in these volumes.

While Dioscorides was the originator of the *materia medica*, botanical classification was not original with him. Theophrastus of Eresos, the "protobotanist", collected the herb lore of the ancients into a system known as *De Historia Plantarum*. His work was stimulated by his close friend Aristotle, in whose garden he made his early botanical classifications and to whom the work was bequeathed. Theophrastus died in 286 B.C., having laid the foundation of our present botanical knowledge.

This is the second of a series.—Ed.

# Phi Rhos at R. O. T. C. Camp

TOP ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT
U. of Pittsburgh: Kielman, Cotter, Liddell, Wallace. U. of Michigan: Patterson, Payton, Ottoman, Maynard, Lawrence, Jesurun.

MIDDLE ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT
U. of Virginia: Babb. Western Reserve University: Knapp. Ohio State University: Moreland, Vinson. U. of Pennsylvania: Murphy, Zulich, Dickson, Lorish, Landis, Dry.

BOTTOM ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT
Jefferson Medical College: Campbell, Burnett, Gormley, Bigley, Paden, Welsh, Wehr, Cubberley (not pictured: Smith and Eckhart)

A familiar adage might be slightly altered to 'when good fellows get together you will always find Phi Rhos on hand'. Such was the case last summer at the six weeks R. O. T. C. camp for medical students at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. Over twelve eastern and midwestern universities and colleges sent two hundred and seventy young medicos to learn how they will function in event of war. Thirty Phi Rhos were there from seven schools. The hours of training were not unreasonable, the food was good, and outdoor living brought forth many tans, so all in all the camp provided a nice vacation for most everyone.

R. O. T. C. for medical students is an elective course consisting of a one hour lecture a week for the four years of school. During this time the first two years are devoted to army organization while the last two years are spent on medical subjects. Before he graduates the student must attend a six weeks encampment at one of the designated posts. Upon graduation the student is given the opportunity to accept a commission as first lieutenant in the Officers Reserve Corps.

Carlisle Barracks is the only place of its kind in the world because it is devoted entirely to the medical branch of the service. It is ideally located in the Cumberland Mountains of Pennsylvania a few miles from Gettysburg. It was founded by the British and later taken over by the Americans. At one time it functioned as the well known Carlisle Indian School from which came famous athletes. It was not until quite recently that it was converted to its present use.

Also present at Carlisle Barracks this summer was Lieutenant Sheehan who was assistant commanding officer of Company B. He is now at the William Beaumont Hospital in El Paso, Texas.


## Surgeon Wanted

There is an exceptional opening for a young man who has had a surgical residency to serve as an assistant to a surgeon in a small Ohio city for a year, with an opportunity to acquire the practice later. A personal interview may be arranged through the Central Office.


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New York Hospital, New York, N. Y.

LeRoy C. Askwig will remain as surgical resident at Alexander Blain Hospital, Detroit.

Carroll A. Brown is resident in Psychiatry at Cook County Hospital, Chicago.

Roy F. Pierson is general resident at Fairview Hospital, Minneapolis, Minn.

James K. Shafer is second year interne at the U. S. P. H. S. Hospital, Springfield, Mo.

Warner F. Bowers announces change of address from 1321 Franklin Avenue, S. E., Minneapolis, Minn., to 4688 Pine Street, Omaha, Nebraska. He will be associated with Dr. J. C. Kennedy in the practice of general surgery with offices at 620 Omaha Loan and Building Association Building.

*NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY*

Marvin C. Smith has a residency in Surgery, Tulane University Hospital, New Orleans.

Robert M. Mitchell is senior resident in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Milwaukee County Hospital, Milwaukee.

Gustave S. Link has an internship in Urology, Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago.

Clifford G. Grulee, Jr. will remain as house physician in Pediatrics in Children's Hospital, Boston, until January 1, 1941.

Louis W. Nowack is practicing at 519 Main Street, Watertown, Wis.

Harold T. Gross has an appointment as resident in Pathology, Cook County Hospital, Chicago.

Francis J. Brown is Resident Fellow in Medicine, Passavant Memorial Hospital and Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago.

James D. Zeratsky is practicing at Marinette, Wis.

Edson J. Andrews is practicing at Tallahassee, Florida.

*OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY*

Harvey D. Wright is practicing at West Jefferson, Ohio.

James E. Rose is practicing at Salina, Ohio.

Carl F. Goll is temporarily located at 1009 First Street, McKees Rocks, Pa.

Russel Wiessinger plans to start in practice at Sidney, Ohio.

*UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA*

Donald L. McMillan is practicing at Glen Ave., Glenshaw, Pa.

Walter M. Heyl is practicing at 438 East Durham St., Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Pa. In addition he will be on Dr. Schumman's service at Kensington and Chestnut Hill Hospitals, Philadelphia.

Perry Frank has an appointment as interne at Cooper Hospital, Camden, N. J.

Richard D. Schreiber is resident in Surgery at Reading Hospital, Reading, Pa.

Herbert F. Johnson is resident in Obstetrics at Cooper Hospital, Camden, N. J.

Joseph W. Puerner has a two year residency in Otorhinolaryngology at Buffalo City Hospital (now known as Edward G. Meyer Memorial Hospital), Buffalo, N. Y.

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## Chapter and Alumni News

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Regis J. McNamee is chief surgical resident at Cleveland City Hospital.

Frederic Foster is resident in Medicine at the Chesapeake & Ohio Hospital, Clifton Forge, Va.

Ottomer E. Raezer is resident neurologist at Presbyterian Hospital, New York City.

Henry P. Close will remain in Germantown Hospital, Philadelphia, as resident in the Research Department of Respiratory Diseases.

Ralph Bowen has left the Balyeat Clinic, Oklahoma City, Okla.

*UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH*

At the annual spring initiation on April 21, 1939, the following men became active members of Chi Chapter: Bruce Boyle, Theodore Budzelka, James Culleton, Robert Dean, Robert Delaval, Thomas Evans, Robert Gump, William Hartz, Thomas Hines, Edwin Keppel, Joseph Miller, Richard Nelson, Frank Tetlow, and David Vogan. These men are all members of the class of 1943. Only one of the fifteen men pledged in the fall of 1938 was not initiated.

The activities of Chi Chapter for 1939-40 will be carried out under the leadership of the following officers and committeemen: William Ruhe, President; Edward Deverson, Vice-president; Edmund Kielman, Treasurer; Ralph Cotter, Historian; Alfred Kraft, social chairman; Edwin Keppel, rushing chairman; Spencer Liddell, program chairman; Edward Brethauer, alumni chairman; Joseph Miller, pledge chairman; Raymond Grenfell, archive chairman; Robert Burt, initiation chairman. With every member of the chapter assigned a special duty to perform, and with the alumni chapter better organized than ever before, Chi is looking forward to a successful year.

The scholarship standard of the chapter is well attested by the number of student assistantships in the hands of Phi Rhos. Brothers Brethauer, Deverson, Kielman, Culleton, and Evans are Student Assistants in Anatomy; Brothers Ruhe and Cotter hold similar posts in the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology.

Two members of Chi Chapter received special honors in connection with their graduation. Harry F. Zinsser received the Brinton Prize, a cash award for attainment of the highest scholastic average throughout the four years of undergraduate medical work, and second prize in the annual essay contest conducted by the Professor of Medicine. The title of Zinsser's prize-winning paper was "The Relationship of Tonsillectomy to Rheumatic Conditions". Brother Zinsser was also president of the local chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha. George Dines received honorable mention in the essay contest.

Another stone in that long-awaited development known as the Pittsburgh Medical Center was laid in place with the recent establishment by the University of a School of Nursing. The new school, the 19th division of the University, will combine and co-ordinate the previous curricula in nursing offered by the College and the School of Education in co-operation with various University-affiliated hospitals, and will grant the degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the end of a five year course of combined collegiate and hospital training. Mrs. Ruth Perkins Kuehn, former director of the Ohio State University School of Nursing, has been appointed Dean. The first session will begin September 1, 1939.

An interesting letter was received recently at alumni headquarters from Robert B. Armstrong, charter member of Chi Chapter, now practicing at Ida Grove, Iowa. Dr. Armstrong was a member of Alpha Kappa Phi, the local fraternity which became Chi of Phi Rho Sigma in 1908.

C. L. Palmer discussed "Socialized Medicine" at a Health Institute arranged by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Warren County Medical Society on April 20.

J. P. Griffith, *Lambda Phi*, conducted a surgical clinic at the regular monthly meeting of the Cambria County Medical Society in Johnstown, Pa., May 11.

A. H. Colwell recently discussed the subject of "Socialization of Medical Service" before the Woman's Guild of the Church of the Redeemer and at a meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Presbyterian Hospital (both of Pittsburgh).

T. S. Swan, *Rho*, has announced removal of his offices from the Jenkins Arcade to the Medical Arts Building, Pittsburgh.

Albert G. Corrado will remain as resident in Pathology at Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Joseph F. Novak plans to spend three years as resident in Neurology and Psychiatry at Washington, D. C. He has an appointment as resident in the Gallinger Municipal Hospital for the coming year.

*UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER*

Douglas H. Batten will remain as resident in Anesthesia at Bellevue Hospital, New York City.

Roland E. Stevens is assistant resident surgeon at Billings Memorial Hospital, Chicago, Ill.

Richard S. Knowlton is practicing at 10515 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

William J. Teufel is assistant resident in Medicine at the Cleveland City Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio.

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## State Society Notes

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University Medical School, presented as guest speaker a paper on "Preoperative and Postoperative Care" before one of the general sessions. Lloyd E. Seyler, *Lambda Phi*, and George I. Nelson, *Mu*, discussed "Management of Asthma" and "Treatment of Nephritic Emergencies", respectively, at the round-table conferences. George L. King, *Lambda Phi*, spoke before the Section on Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat, on "The Differential Diagnosis of Cough". T. T. Zuck, *Kappa*, presented a paper on "The Application of Recent Knowledge to the Management of Controlled Conception".

The Annual Meeting of the Nothern Tri-State Medical Association, including Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana, was held at the Hotel Oliver, South Bend, April 11, 1939. Phi Rhos participating included Charles G. Johnston, *Alpha Delta*, head of the Department of Surgery, Wayne University, who presented "Physiological Implications in the Management of Intestinal Obstruction".

The Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania will meet in Pittsburgh October 2-5, 1939. C. L. Palmer, *Chi*, President of the Allegheny County Medical Society, has appointed the following Phi Rhos to serve on local committees: Registration, Wilton H. Robinson, *Chi;* Scientific Exhibit, J. West Mitchell, *Chi*, and George J. Kastlin, *Lambda Phi*; Hotels, Norman C. Ochsenhirt, *Chi;* Golf, Harry O. Pollock, *Chi*, Thomas B. McCullough, *Chi*, and Joseph C. Edgar, *Chi*; Publicity, Samuel R. Haythorn, *Zeta*. Appointments by the president of the state society include: Charles G. Eicher, *Chi*, Chairman of the Local Committee on Arrangements; J. P. Griffith, *Lambda Phi*, Chairman of the Committee on Scientific Work; and Stacy M. Hankey, *Chi*, Chairman of the Section on Urology.

The Minnesota State Medical Association held its 86th annual session May 31, June 1 and 2, 1939, at Minneapolis, Minnesota. Phi Rhos prominent on the scientific program were Alfred W. Adson, *Iota*, with a paper on "Advances in Brain and Cord Surgery" during the afternoon session of Wednesday, May 31. The morning session of June 1 included William W. Coventry, *Zeta*, on "Pelvic Pain" and Hamline A. Mattson, *Theta Tau*, on "Fascia Transplant in Post Operative Hernia". The conference on medical problems in Minnesota on Friday, June 2, heard Grover C. Penberthy, *Zeta*, on "Treatment of Burns" and Stuart W. Harrington, *Lambda Phi*, on "Carcinoma of the Breast: Radical Amputation".

## Chapter and Alumni News

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Donald H. Kariher has an appointment as resident in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, N. Y.

Dudley B. FitzGerald is practicing at 330 Washburn Street, Lockport, N. Y.

Frank W. Reynolds is resident at Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, N. Y.

Dwight E. Clark is assistant in Surgery at Billings Memorial Hospital, Chicago, Ill.

Robert L. Graham is interne at Grant Hospital, Columbus, Ohio.

Gordon L. Richardson is practicing Pediatrics at 1501 North Ogden Drive, Hollywood, Calif.

John K. Poppe is assistant resident in Surgery at New Haven Hospital, New Haven, Conn.

*STANFORD UNIVERSITY*

William C. Huff is resident at the Ventura County Hospital, Ventura, Calif.

Robert M. Shelton is practicing at 438 South Market Street, Inglewood, Calif. He is associated with J. C. Frudenfeld, *Mu*.

Henry Hodgson is house officer at San Francisco Hospital, San Fancisco, Calif.

Louis L. Huff is practicing at Silver City, N. Mex.

Otto E. L. Schmidt has an appointment as assistant resident in Dermatology and Syphilology at Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio.

Mark S. Curtis is at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island, Calif.

Logan Gray is practicing at Half Moon Bay, Calif.

Leon J. Whitsell will remain in Stanford Hospital as assistant resident in Medicine.

Charles G. Scarborough is resident in Tuberculosis at Santa Clara County Hospital, San Jose, Calif.

William O. Russell has been appointed Instructor in Pathology at Washington University Medical School, Barnes Hospital, St. Louis. Brother Russell's appointment is for three years.

William D. Clinite is resident at San Mateo Community Hospital, San Mateo, Calif.

*TEMPLE UNIVERSITY*

Alpha Lambda Chapter on December 9, 1938, initiated the following men: John Bianco, Hazelton, Pa.; Frederick Hand, Denville, New Jersey; Eugene Hetrick, Lewisburg, Pa.; Eldon Hoachlander, Greencastle, Pa.; Joseph Hoenninger, Oxford, Pa.; David Marshall, Drexel Hill, Pa.; Charles McElwee, Ithaca, New York; Clifford Stone, Minot, North Dakota; Howard Summons, Reading, Pa.; John Walmer, Jonestown, Pa.; Edward Whalen, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

On December 10, the annual Tri-Chapter dance of the three chapters of Phi Rho Sigma located in Philadelphia was held at the Stephen-Girard Hotel.

An interesting and educational series of fireside chats has been enjoyed by the fraternity. Our Associate Professor of Anatomy, Dr. Huber, talked on "The Sympathetic Nervous System". Dr. George E. Pfahler of the Graduate School of University of Pennsylvania Medical School gave an illustrated lecture on "The Treatment of Carcinoma of the Breast".

Dr. John Lansberry, Associate Professor of Medicine at Temple, spoke on "Medical Emergencies" and Dr. J. Norman Coombs, Associate Professor of Surgery at Temple, presented an illustrated talk on his travels and adventures.

Arthur C. Morgan, *Lambda Phi*, has presented the chapter with some seventy books, forming the nucleus of a library.

Our fifteen graduating seniors have all secured internships. Quite a few are located in Pennsylvania. The rest are in New York, California, North Carolina, District of Columbia, and the United States Navy.

During the convention we served as hosts for quite a few of the brothers from other chapters. George Inman from Dalhousie University, John Edward Hudson, Don Hastings, and William R. Fox of the University of Manitoba, Celete Wichser of Louisiana State University, George L. Browning of Stanford University, Clarence A. Kyle of University of Toronto, and Lawrence Kern of Tulane University stayed with us a few days. Many friendships were made and we had an interesting time discussing our different medical schools.

New officers elected for the coming year are: President, Chauncey McGeorge; Vice-president, Frank Viggiano; Treasurer, Jack Moore; Secretary, Gordon Hand; and Senior Warden, John Walmer.

On March 18 a St. Patrick's Day party was held in the chapter house. The evening started with a buffet dinner and was followed by entertainment and dancing.

*TULANE UNIVERSITY*

The Delta Omicron Alpha Chapter of Tulane University School of Medicine held a joint initiation program with the Alpha Mu Chapter of Louisiana State University Medical Center on March 25, 1939, at which nine new members were accepted into the fraternity. Following the initiation at the Roosevelt Hotel there was a banquet. E. L. Zander, Councilor for the Southern District, was presented with a cup as the outstanding alumnus of the past year. Dr. Zander is very much interested in the activities of the undergraduate chapters and the alumni chapter of Phi Rho Sigma in New Orleans and has been of great assistance to these organizations on a number of occasions. The presentation of the cup inaugurated a practice which is expected to continue in the future.

*MEDICAL COLLEGE OF VIRGINIA*

David T. Carr is assistant resident in Medicine at Bellevue Hospital, New York City.

Ernest L. Bagby is rotating interne at St. Luke's Hospital, Richmond, Va.

Reno R. Porter has an appointment as resident in Cardiology at the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston.

Herbert G. Ruffin is practicing at Arvonia, Va.

*WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY*

The Alpha Delta Chapter of Phi Rho Sigma announces the election of officers for the year 1939-1940. The election took place at a meeting held Friday, March 24, with the following results: Robert Garrett, President; Verne Goerger, Vice-president; Charles Lockhart, Recording Secretary; Eldee Schneider, Treasurer; Donald Bramwell, House Manager; Lee McCorkle, Senior Warden; and Edwin Devereux, Corresponding Secretary.

At the same meeting a committee was appointed to arrange for a stag party to be held in the latter part of April for the mutual enjoyment of the alumni and actives. Plans were also drawn up for a spring outing to be held in the near future on the banks of the Merimec. This outing is an annual affair and is always a welcome intermission in the rush of the closing months of school.

Dr. and Mrs. R. N. Williams of Ontario, California, announce the birth of a son on April 17, 1939.

George W. Blankenship has an appointment as interne at Missouri Pacific Hospital, St. Louis, Mo.

Tim V. Richey has started in practice at 624 North 7th Avenue, Tuscon, Ariz.

John W. Hunter, Jr. will remain in Hillman Hospital, Birmingham, Ala. for another year.

John W. Shuman is junior resident at Methodist Hospital of Southern California, Los Angeles.

Malvern T. Bryan is house physician at the Missouri Pacific Hospital, St. Louis, Mo.

*WAYNE UNIVERSITY*

Survivors of the Class of 1914, Detroit College of Medicine, celebrated their "silver" anniversary last spring. Phi Rhos in the class were: B. O. Harris, F. C. Thiede, R. A. Woodhull, B. H. Larrson, J. F. Reig, and F. W. Hyde. Drs. Harris and Thiede have joined the Chapter Eternal. Dr. Woodhull is in Los Angeles; the remainder are all in Detroit.

R. W. Alles was recently elected Vice-president of the Detroit Obstetrical and Gynecological Society.

James D. Bruce has recently been elected President of the American College of Physicians. Well known as an authority on post-graduate medical education, Dr. Bruce is also Vice-President of the University of Michigan.

H. L. Krieger is Medical Director of the Ford Motor Company.

Matthew Balcerski is head of the Polish physicians in Detroit.

A. E. Voegelin, *Lambda Phi*, spoke on "Circulation Time and Venous Pressure Tests" before the East Side Medical Society, Detroit, on April 27, 1939.

Merildeen W. Howard is resident at Saratoga General Hospital, Detroit.

Karl W. Linsemann is practicing at Midland, Mich.

Eugene H. Quigley is resident in Gynecology at the William J. Seymour Hospital, Eloise, Mich.

Willard Fischer is resident surgeon at Wyandotte General Hospital, Wyandotte, Mich.

Harold W. Longyear is resident in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Florence Crittendon Hospital, Detroit.

Douglas J. Watson is surgical resident at Mount Carmel Hospital, Detroit.

William A. Joerin is practicing at Camden, Mich.

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## Book Reviews

By "The Medicine Man"

"You, O Books, are the Golden Vessels of the Temple . . Burning Lamps to be Held Ever in the Hand."

*Richard De Bury, Bishop of Durham,* from *Philobiblon*

Insomnia: Its Causes and Treatment.
*By John A. P. Mullett, M.D. Greenberg.*

You Can Sleep Well.
*By Edmund Jacobson, M.D. Whittlesey House.*

Sleep! The Secret of Greater Power and Achievement.
*By Ray Giles. Bobbs-Merrill Co.*

I have grouped these three books together because of their common background.

"Blessings on him that first invented sleep! It covers a man, thoughts and all, like a cloak; it is meat for the hungry, drink for the thirsty; heat for the cold, and cold for the hot. It is the current coin that purchases cheaply all the pleasures of the world, and the balance that sets even king and shepherd, fool and sage."—Cervantes, *Don Quixote.*

In these books you may find the answer to why one sleeps or does not.

Promise of Love.
*By Mary Renault. William Morrow & Company, New York,* $2.50.

The story of Vivian Lingard, a first year probationer in a large provincial hospital in England, and her romance with Mic Freeborn. Mic is a pathologist with a lonely, poverty stricken background, supersensitive and with homosexual tendencies. Its subtitle might be "Folly in the Hospital".

Death Checks In.
*By Stephen Ransome. Doubleday, Doran & Company, Crime Club Publication,* $2.

All about the young doctor who reports the treatment of a gunshot case to the police. Doctors, drunkards, racketeers, and other mysterious people move in and out in this exciting story.

Danger Signal.
*By Phyllis Bottome. Little, Brown & Company, New York.*

Story of Dr. Elena Silla and her efforts to prevent Hilda Fenchurch, a public stenographer, from killing Ronnie Marsh, who has seduced her. Doctor Silla is a neurologist and psychologist and her job as outlined above is well done.

Health Insurance.
*By Louis S. Reed. Harper & Brothers, New York,* $3.

Reed is a former member of the research staff of the Committee on the Costs of Medical Care. Its purpose is to answer the question, "What should be done to provide adequate medical care for all?"

In the Name of Common Sense. Worry and Its Control.
*By Matthew N. Chappell, Ph. D., of the Department of Psychology of Columbia University. The Macmillan Company, New York,* $1.75.

The author is also director of Group Psychology Research which was founded as a result of Dr. Chappell's scientific study of worriers with peptic ulcer and pseudo-ulcer. If you want to learn how to avoid the high costs of worry read this little book of 187 pages.

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## Dramatics

The third annual Medical Musical Medley, with dramatic interludes, was presented by The Academy of Medicine of Cleveland on May 6, 1939. Severance Hall was filled to overflowing by a gratefully appreciative audience. Phi Rho members of the orchestra were: C. C. Engleman, Kurt Widenthal, C. C. Couch, John Budd, R. B. Robrock, O. B. Patch, T. T. Zuck, all of *Kappa*; William L. Deeton, *Alpha Epsilon*; and C. F. Lauster, *Rho.* Phi Rho's who took part in the skits presented were E. F. Kieger and H. G. Piercy.

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## Chapter and Alumni News

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Stanley W. Insley, Jr. has been elected chief of the medical department of the Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital, Detroit, which opened for use last January.

*WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY*

Theodore T. Zuck, Director of the Brush Foundation, talked on the "Relation of the Fertile Time to the Menstrual Cycle" at the Eighth District Ohio State Medical Association Annual Meeting at Rocky Glen Sanatorium, McConnelsville, Ohio, on June 15, 1939. Verne Dodd, *Omega,* Professor of Surgery, Ohio State University, talked at the same meeting on "Stomach Disease from a Surgical Viewpoint".

The newly elected officers of the local chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha include two members from Kappa chapter; Theodore T. Zuck, President, and Frederick R. Mautz, Vice-president.

At the Commencement of the Medical School of Western Reserve University, Jacob B. Tuckerman was awarded the senior prize in Surgery, gift of Dr. Elliot C. Cutler, *Nu,* and the senior prize in Obstetrics, gift of Dr. Edwin C. Garvin. R. Wenner Machamer, freshman of Kappa chapter, was awarded the Dr. Herbert S. Steuer Memorial Prize for special work in Anatomy.

On April 10, Dr. E. E. Ecker, Associate Professor of Immunology, gave a most interesting talk to Kappa chapter on his recent research on the relation of Vitamin C deficiency to complement. In addition to the members of the active chapter several alumni and a number of men enrolled in the next fall's Freshman class were present.

Randolph P. Moore is second year interne at City Hospital, Cleveland.

Frederick W. Alexander has started in practice at 10515 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland.

Donald N. Morgan plans to spend four years as resident and assistant resident in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Receiving and Herman Kiefer Hospitals, Detroit.

James E. Miller will remain at New York Lying-In Hospital, Cornell Medical Center, New York City, as first assistant resident in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Karl Klicka has been given a fellowship for the post graduate course in hospital administration at the University of Chicago, beginning October 1, 1939.

Raymond S. Lupse has an appointment as assistant resident in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Cleveland City Hospital from November 1, 1939 to June 30, 1940. He was senior interne in Gynecology at University Hospitals from July 1, 1939 to November 1, 1939.

Charles W. McColl is practicing at 2810 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, Mich.

*ADDITIONAL ALUMNI NOTES*

John C. Bartlett, *Delta,* will remain as resident physician in Alta Bates Hospital, Berkeley, Calif. He is also doing private practice at the Hospital.

Edward J. Blanchard, *Alpha Epsilon,* is interne at the New York Eye & Ear Infirmary, New York City.

Odon von Werssowetz, *Alpha Epsilon,* is resident in Surgery at St. Joseph's Hospital, London, Ont.

John D. McIntosh, *Alpha Epsilon,* is in practice with his father at Fort William, Ont.

Edwin A. Danford, *Alpha Theta,* is practicing Pediatrics at Corpus Christi, Texas.

Rank O. Dawson, *Alpha Theta,* is practicing at the Professional Building, Charleston, W. Va.

Edward L. Robinson, *Alpha Theta,* is resident in Ohio Soldiers & Sailors Home Hospital, Xenia, Ohio.

Donald L. McNeil, *Alpha Iota,* is senior interne at Holy Cross Hospital, Calgary, Alta.

Alfred J. Warren, *Alpha Iota,* is studying in London, England. When he returns he will be junior physician at Provincial Mental Hospital, Essondale, B. C.

Everett L. Bishop, *Chi Gamma,* Atlanta, has been elected a member of the Council of the International Association of Medical Museums and Technical Methods for a five year term. He is a member of the American Association of Pathologists and Bacteriologists and the American Association for Cancer Research.

A. J. Revell, *Chi Eta,* recently addressed the Kansas State Medical Society on "The Modern Concepts of Diabetes".

## Chapter Paper at Michigan

Already in its third volume, *The Zetan*, a chapter newspaper published by Zeta Chapter, has apparently passed successfully through the experimental stage and is a fair way toward becoming a tradition at the progressive Michigan chapter. This publication is a four page, tabloid type newspaper which appears three times a year. Its new editor is Brother Ernst F. Lang, whose first issue came off the press in June.

*The Zetan* features news of the undergraduate chapter and of Michigan alumni, and its purpose is to keep alumni informed about and therefore interested in chapter affairs. In this program it should succeed admirably, for the articles are well-written, the paper is good, the make-up is attractive, and the entire paper gives an impression of serious endeavor on the part of its staff. In keeping with the trends of the times, *The Zetan* runs something closely akin to a gossip column, which contrasts nicely with the more formal articles. The editorials are practical and timely.

The obvious requirements in time, effort, and money for the publication of a chapter newspaper are sufficient to prevent many chapters from entering the field of journalism. The ability to overcome such handicaps, therefore, speaks well for the efficiency and interest of any undergraduate chapter. Best wishes to *The Zetan*, and may its list of editors extend far into the future.

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## Still They Come In

The continuing influx of reports concerning Phi Rhos who have been elected to various state and county society offices almost warrants the devotion of a special and permanent section of THE JOURNAL to this subject. The present list is sufficiently impressive, and there are no doubt many more as yet unreported. Here are the latest to reach the editorial office.

FLORIDA. President-elect, Leigh F.

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### Student Loan Contributors

Does your name appear in the honor roll of those loyal alumni of Phi Rho Sigma contributing to the Student Loan Fund this year? Not for years has the response been so generous. At least half the alumni sending in Chapter International dues have included a dollar or more as a contribution to the Student Loan Fund.

*Alpha:* Marshall H. Jones, J. Arthur Kerst, Fordyce Heilman, Ben E. Wagner, Homer D. Dudley, Paul H. Holinger, Samuel C. Plummer, James M. White, Otto C. Brantigan, Robert L. Cowles, George A. Shaw, K. F. Murphy.

*Beta:* Oscar J. Michael, Robert B. Hemphill, Ira Frank, E. A. Brucker, E. O. Muhs, Carl F. Mulfinger, C. B. Bohner.

*Delta:* Hal W. Rice, R. R. Ronan.

*Epsilon:* O. M. Randall, Raymond S. Gous, William J. Stapleton, Jr., Theo. F. Heavenrich, Harold H. Hiscock, Clark D. Brooks, Ralph A. Perkins, Robert C. Moehlig, J. P. Sprunk, Frederick B. Ashton, Arthur W. Erkfitz.

*Zeta:* Stuart Wilson, Walter M. Simpson, Joseph Trombley, Arthur C. Jones, Francis M. Shook, Leston S. Whitehead, Harold S. Hulbert, Grover C. Penberthy, W. A. Coventry, Clare R. Rittenshofer, Robert E. Anslow, Norris N. Gillette, S. W. Donaldson, Melvin H. Pike, Frank M. Martin, Edward G. Huber.

*Theta Tau:* Louis Ramaley, Edward H. Nelson, Harold L. Cross.

*Iota:* Isaiah Lukes, James A. Mason, Chester Q. Thompson, Robert S. Irving, John B. Rogers, J. J. Hompes.

*Kappa:* R. F. Machamer, John M. McCleery, Roy Morgan, Charles A. Swan, J. C. Lee, Thomas K. Gruber, John W. Funk, Edward F. Kieger, Walter M. Bucher, John A. Toomey.

*Lambda Phi:* George L. Whelan, Robert F. Kile, Arthur C. Morgan, Myron J. Hahn, Jr., A. E. Voegelin, George W. Taggart, L. C. Wademan, Adrian W. Voegelin, Alexander W. Spears, A. V. Molyneux, Theo. W. Newmann, J. E. Struthers, R. Roland Heller, J. C. Baier, John A. Hugo, William Mills, James W. Morgan, I. Fulton Jones.

*Mu:* W. B. Ross, Merle B. Snyder, Lyman H. Hoyt, George I. Nelson, G. A. Sywassink, Joseph M. Kinkade, W. H. Johnston.

*Pi:* Arthur M. Hetherington.

*Rho:* Joseph P. Murphy, L. H. Sweterlitsch, E. Raymond Place, Michael Bolus, Joseph C. Fulmer.

*Upsilon:* James L. Hammer, George Cormeny, Lawrence O. Snead.

*Chi:* Arthur H. Gross, B. A. Black, J. W. Burkett, Roy M. Smith, E. J. Thompson, Glenn H. Davison, Ralph H. Hockenberry, J. E. Thompson.

*Psi:* John J. Mohrman, A. W. Metcalf, Edward B. Dewey.

*Omega:* Paul Jones, Roy V. Morledge, John H. Warvel, Emerson M. Blake, Jerry O. Crist, Paul C. Gauchat, Stuart C. Way, Russell G. Means.

*Delta Omicron Alpha:* Frederick G. Gruber, Dudley M. Stewart.

*Alpha Omega Delta:* L. A. Whitney.

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## Phi Rhos at Ohio Meeting

The Phi Rho Sigma headquarters at the meeting of the Ohio State Medical Society in Toledo, Ohio, on May 3 and 4 was one of the most popular places as far as the fraters were concerned. Fifty-four Phi Rhos from every corner of Ohio were registered, and many more were unable to register, as the gathering was large and enthusiastic, and the small matter of signatures was occasionally overlooked.

Headquarters was at the Hotel Commodore Perry, which was also the place of meeting of the medical society. Signs in the lobby at the registration booth directed the fraters to room 1101, where refreshments were furnished by the Toledo Alumni. Those who gathered in the headquarters remained until the first few hours of the following day, and the happy spirit of fraternalism was much in evidence.

Honoring the headquarters was President Jonathan Forman, and his contributions to the gathering were stimulating in more ways than one. Frater Forman was chairman of one of the round-table groups at the meeting, and was present also in his capacity as editor of the *Journal of the Ohio State Medical Association.*

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## Ohio Health Group Meets

The Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Ohio Student Health Association was held in Columbus April 7, 1939. This organization, which is allied with the Ohio College Association and other societies, is devoted to health problems among students. Among the essayists was M. F. Osborn, *Omega*, who spoke on "A Clinical Test of Potassium Chloride in Certain Allergic Diseases". Several members of Phi Rho Sigma were elected to office in the association: J. W. Wilce, *Omega*, Director of the Health Service at Ohio State University, was elected Vice-president; J. M. McCleery, *Kappa*, was re-elected to the post of Secretary-Treasurer; R. W. Bradshaw, *Nu*, was re-elected to the Executive Committee; P. B. Wingfield, *Chi Alpha*, was also elected to the Executive Committee.

## Surgical Training

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programs of graduate education to conform to the high ideals now set up as standards by the College and by the certifying boards.

It must now be emphasized that training in hospitals after graduation is true graduate study and that the work offered to the interne in any hospital should be organized and planned as carefully as is the work of the undergraduate. Many interneships are offered to the young graduate in which he spends a year in routine work, unsupervised, acquiring habits of practice from members of large hospital staffs whose only qualification for practice may be that they have a patient. A year thus spent may be worse than lost in that it may ruin the intellectual possibilities of the interne and give him habits of thought and action that will effectively destroy his chances of advancing in and with Medicine.

The young physician's progress and ultimate standing in Medicine are more dependent on his graduate training and his own initiative than on the medical school from which he graduates. One can prophesy with fair certainty as to what a man will eventually do if one knows the hospital in which he is going to serve his interneship.

The future graduate in Medicine, planning to train himself well in any specialty, must face the fact that at least four years or more will be required. His preparation for such training must begin with his first day in the medical school. Marks are obnoxious and sometimes misleading, but they are unfortunately the chief index now used to measure industry and intelligence in education. They do not measure other valuable qualities such as loyalty, honesty, imagination, and courtesy, but for lack of better standards good hospitals demand good marks. Consequently, the scholastic record of a student inevitably plays a definite part in his opportunity to secure good graduate training. When the time comes to choose a hospital for graduate training, one should select the hospital that offers the kind of training desired. If you want five years' training in surgery, do not apply to a hospital that gives only a one-year rotating interneship. It is easier to compete for advanced training when once in a hospital than to try to transfer to other hospitals that do give the advanced training you desire. Most advanced training in the surgical specialties begins and ends in the same hospital.

It is perplexing to choose a hospital for interneship when you are given so much advice, some of which is emotional, biased, and postulated on the experience of practitioners who are not in touch with modern changes in graduate education. General practice is a grand experience as a preliminary to advanced training, but it is very difficult to get back into training once you have left the hospital walls. The test of any hospital is its graduates; that is, what are the men now doing who have trained in that hospital? Does the hospital offer opportunities for advanced training, or is it a place where you will have a chance to do fifty herniorrhaphies without instruction or supervision?

If you wish to learn what hospitals offer satisfactory opportunities for surgical training, you can write to the American College of Surgeons or to the American Medical Association, either of which will furnish you with information of the available opportunities for study. Approved hospitals will increase in number steadily from now on as the educational work of these bodies progresses. If you are undecided as to the field in which you wish to work, take a good rotating interneship. If during that time you develop a wish for special training and it is not readily available, take a year in one of the basic medical sciences such as pathology, anatomy, or chemistry. This year will be invaluable and will later aid tremendously in getting into your special field of endeavor.

Work in the hospital should offer opportunities but, like work in any graduate field, should not be too stereotyped and pedantic. The student must furnish the energy and will to learn of his own initiative. The day of spoon-feeding and of roll-call is over. If you cannot now furnish your own will to learn, you never can make progress, and you are not worthy of better training. Anyone wishing to get good training in a surgical specialty today must plan on spending time and effort. The choice of a hospital for this training is all-important, but the selection is easy if one judges a hospital by the quality of its products. At present, opportunities for good training are few and inadequate to the men wanting this training. However, no well-educated young man with determination and a modest share of the fundamental attributes of character need fear the trial. The rewards in satisfaction and in a life of intellectual happiness are worth the effort.

## *Phi Rho Honored at Reserve*

It is a pleasure to announce the selection of Theodore T. Zuck, *Kappa*, as director of the Brush Foundation, Western Reserve University. Dr. Zuck succeeds the late Dr. T. Wingate Todd, whose sudden death last December shocked the entire scientific world.

The foundation, established by Charles F. Brush, is an eminent scientific institution dedicated to the end that future generations may enter upon life "only under conditions which make possible a heritage of mental and physical health and a favorable environment". Contributions from this foundation to date indicate that it is carrying on its appointed program with signal success.

Dr. Zuck, who has been associated with the work of the foundation for the past ten years, will continue in collaboration with Dr. William W. Greulich, of the Department of Anatomy, Yale University. Phi Rho Sigma, in congratulating its distinguished frater upon this outstanding honor, seconds unqualifiedly the opinion expressed in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer:* "Under Dr. Zuck's guidance the researches so efficiently carried on by Dr. Todd will continue to bring increasing benefits to mankind."

## *Chapter Eternal*

Hillis D. Rigterink, *Zeta*, died on the evening of April 19, 1939, of complications following a cholecystectomy performed three weeks before. Dr. Rigterink was a graduate of Oberlin College, and received his degree in medicine at the University of Michigan in 1937. He served his internship at St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth, following which he was associated in practice with his father in Grand Rapids. He was prominent in the affairs of Zeta Chapter, serving as Vice-president during his senior year. He was a member of the Kent County Medical Society. Dr. Rigterink died at the age of 26 years.

J. Frank Hastings, *Zeta*, of Kenosha, Wisconsin, died suddenly in Chicago on January 17, 1939, while giving testimony in a Federal Court. Dr. Hastings graduated in medicine from the University of Michigan in 1906.

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time, but in proportion to their numbers they turn out about as much worthwhile literature, music, and art as any class of persons, and such surveys as exist point to a wide variety of unusual avocations among doctors.

With the idea that readers of THE JOURNAL might enjoy the spare-time foibles of their brothers in Phi Rho Sigma, the Editorial Board is planning a series of articles on hobbies of Phi Rhos the world over. As it is impossible to write personally to all who are enthusiasts for this, that, or the other form of leisure activity, the Board requests that information be sent voluntarily, either by the enthusiast himself, or, if he is too modest, by a confrere who has the facts. All items should be as detailed as possible, and should be addressed to Dudley M. Stewart, Associate Editor, 2001 Collingwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. Dr. Stewart, as sponsor for this idea, has kindly consented to edit the material.

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which has seen its fulfillment in the large and growing fraternity that Phi Rho Sigma is today.

Cliff Grulee, *Alpha*, Walter Simpson, George Herrmann, and Harold Furlong, all of *Zeta*, were heard next; each expressed his gratitude and indebtedness to Phi Rho Sigma, the fraternity which "gives one much more than he can put into it". Brother Furlong, who distinguished himself during the World War, also made the very opportune statement to the younger men in the fraternity: "You can make a better contribution to the world by being a good doctor than by being cannon fodder." Allan Gilbert, *Alpha Delta*, and Albert Metcalf, *Psi*, were also introduced from the floor, and a telegram from Jonathan Forman was read, expressing his regret at not being able to be present and his greeting to those assembled at the luncheon. The last man to be introduced was Roland Stuebner, *Alpha Delta*, Councilor for Missouri, the man who arranged for and handled the luncheon. Brother Stuebner, in the name of the St. Louis members, welcomed those present and spoke of Phi Rho Sigma in St. Louis.

The conclusion of the formal meeting was followed by a general get-together in which old acquaintances were renewed and new ones begun.

A Phi Rho Sigma booth was maintained at the convention by Alpha Delta and Chi Eta Chapters. It registered 250 members.

## Attention, Please!

The Central Office would appreciate any possible information concerning the whereabouts of F. H. Heather, Jr. So far as can be ascertained, Heather was initiated into Beta Chapter in 1920. Address communication to Dr. Ralph W. Elliott, 10515 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, or to the Editor of THE JOURNAL.